



## Gloria Marie Mendes

March 27, 1944 - November 6, 2020

Gloria Mendes, 76, a life-long resident of Kingsburg, California, passed away unexpectedly on November 6, 2020. She was a pillar in her family and community, and her memory will carry on in the hearts of those who knew her.

Gloria was born in Fresno, California on March 27, 1944, to Eula and Ray Gonzales. She was a respected educator for 33 years, teaching primarily with Selma Unified School District. She was highly involved in her church and community, dedicating countless hours to organizations she held close to her heart. Those organizations include Kingsburg Catholic Women's Club, Kingsburg Historical Society, Portuguese Fraternal Society of America, Delta Kappa Gamma, and the Kingsburg Senior Center. She was honored in 2006 as Kingsburg's Citizen of the Year for her contributions to the community. She took great pride in her children, and was famous for her enchiladas and her contagious smile. She loved to cook, host parties, and take photos. She enjoyed playing bingo, visiting the casino and listening to Elvis Presley. She was a bright light to those who knew her, her impact was extraordinary and she will be deeply missed.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and her grandson, Richie R. Martinez. She is survived by her husband, Anthony Mendes; daughter and

son-in-law, Kim and Rich Martinez; daughter, Melanie Martin; son, Matthew Mendes; grandsons, Charles Martinez and Jonah Martin; and great-grandson, Richie J. Martinez, all of Kingsburg, California.

All services will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church in Kingsburg. Visitation will be held Wednesday, November 18, 5:00-7:00 PM, and recitation of the holy rosary at 7:00 PM. A funeral mass will be held on Thursday, November 19, at 11:00 AM.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
1275 Smith Street  
Kingsburg, CA 93631

## Rosary

NOV 18. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 19. 11:00 AM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Gloria Marie Mendes*



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**Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel** - November 17, 2020 at 06:46 PM

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“ *I worked with Gloria when she was an Eligibility Worker for Kings County. She was a loving and devoted mother and proud of her family. I have thought of her often over the years. What a nice lady.*  
*John Semas, Lemoore Ca*

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**John Semas** - November 18, 2020 at 01:31 PM

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“ *Love, Mike, Karen, Emily, and Melissa purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gloria Marie Mendes.*



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**Love, Mike, Karen, Emily, and Melissa** - November 18, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gloria Marie Mendes.



November 18, 2020 at 01:25 AM



“ Larry, Sue Souza and Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Gloria Marie Mendes.



Larry, Sue Souza and Family - November 17, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ I loved making tamales at her house. And her friendship

mary johnson cox - November 16, 2020 at 11:52 AM



Sweet Gloria, I loved to go by her house on Halloween, she always had great fun and was so generous with the trick or treaters.. She had a wonderful and generous heart.. she was so knowledgeable about Kingsburgs history when volunteering at the historical park.. Heaven gained an angel You inspired me Gloria. Always , Sylvia, one of your neighbors

sylvia emmersen - November 17, 2020 at 12:23 AM



I will remember Gloria for the sweet wonderful person she was. She always had a smile for us. We will miss her may she rest in peace. Our condolences to the family. .Lily and Joe Rocha

joe a rocha - November 20, 2020 at 04:28 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Gloria Marie Mendes.*



November 15, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ *Sak and Caryl purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Gloria Marie Mendes.*



**Sak and Caryl** - November 15, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ *Sharlotte Woods lit a candle in memory of Gloria Marie Mendes*



**Sharlotte woods** - November 14, 2020 at 12:48 AM



“ *When my husband passed away Gloria made a pan of enchiladas and they were my family's Christmas dinner that year! Her kindness touched my heart. My son-in-law Jared and her son Matt are long time friends.*

*Janet Sunderland*

**Janet Sunderland** - November 13, 2020 at 07:12 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gloria Marie Mendes.*



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November 13, 2020 at 07:04 PM



“ *Richard, Lucille and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gloria Marie Mendes.*



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**Richard, Lucille and Family** - November 12, 2020 at 05:33 PM



“ *Deepest condolences to Anthony and the entire family, George and Maria DaSilva*

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**George and Maria DaSilva** - November 12, 2020 at 03:53 PM



“ *Myra and Shiloh Poulter & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gloria Marie Mendes.*



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**Myra and Shiloh Poulter & Family** - November 12, 2020 at 03:20 PM

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“ *Rest Peace. Gloria, you will be missed by all.*

*Love*

*Betty Souza Pierson & family*

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**Betty Pierson** - November 12, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gloria Marie Mendes.*



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November 12, 2020 at 11:54 AM